



### **Dear parents,**

I wonder how your festive preparations are faring? The school has started to prepare Xmas performances and songs fill the air! We hope you will be able to join us for a performance in December.

### **Class 2 Assembly: Honesty and truth**

Class 2 led a fantastic assembly about the important value of honesty. They retold the story of 'The Boy Who Cried Wolf' and shared paintings of the people they trusted. Everyone enjoyed it and had time to reflect: Milo - The message was to tell the truth so people believe you; Nathan - It was fun acting out the story; Oliver - The C2 children showed great confidence; Scarlett - liked the actions in the 'You can count on me' song.

### **Eastington News**

Look out for the next edition of Eastington News. The children in class 4 have taken responsibility for writing the school article. The focus is on our links with Charles Dickens Primary School, London and Langa-Langa School, Kenya. It's full of thoughtful reflections by C4 pupils—it's a great read.

### **Mathematics Information Evening**

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Maths Information Evening for parents. It was a great opportunity to share some of the ways we help children to improve their rapid recall and the games we play in school to support this. We hope you have enjoyed playing some of the games with your children at home. The evaluations from parents were overwhelmingly positive. Thanks go to the teachers for giving their time to run the evening. Special thanks go to the children who helped to lead the game workshops—you did a fantastic job and we were all impressed with your enthusiasm and clear explanations.

### **Christmas Wreath Making Evening**

Have you ever made a Christmas wreath before? Are you looking for the perfect Christmas decoration? Come and join us in the school hall for the opportunity to design and make a unique wreath for your home. All materials are provided and guidance on construction will be offered. Meet in the school hall on December 5th. It should be a fun evening. A few tickets are still available from Mrs Birch in the office.

### **Life Education Bus**

We are delighted to be able to invite the Life Education Bus back to school again this year. The bus supports developing positive physical & mental health and relationships. Every class has the opportunity to work on the bus for a session with their class. The focus of learning varies dependent on the age of pupils. If you want to find out more do ask your children about their experience (and meeting Harold!)

### **Harvest**

Our wonderful class 5 children did a fantastic job of leading the Harvest celebration—we could all hear the words as they presented each class contribution and explained the meaning of harvest. Class 1 children sang their rhyme with real confidence; Class 2 retold the enormous turnip with gusto; Class 3 recited a class written poem about a runner bean; Class 4 bopped their way through a healthy eating rap with attitude, while Class 5 amazed us with factoids about potatoes. Thank you for joining in with the harvest songs together too - it was wonderful hearing adult and children voices singing together. The Harvest produce has been given to the local food bank to support people in the community who are in need-many thanks for your kind generosity.

### **Road Safety**

Thank you to you all for driving slowly and responsibly around the school at the start and end of the day. Recently one of our children wandered away from their parent and had a near miss. Previously we have had a road safety talk by our local PC and the children in all classes have been reminded again of the importance of staying close to their carer when they have left the playground. Please support your child/ren with this.

## School Football Team

Good luck goes with our football squad as they enter the interschool competition next week. Mr Boon has been busy practising and selecting the squad. I know they will play their best and make us proud.

## Christmas Bazaar

The Christmas Bazaar has been confirmed as Friday, 8th December at 3.20pm. It will be held at school and we hope you can join us. The children will be making items to sell and there will be lots of fun activities to. Also on sale will be a school tea towel which will have a small self drawn portrait of every pupil and teacher - perfect for a family Christmas gift.

## Sport for all.....

We continue to use our sports funding to target specific activities during 2017/18. These include 'Sports Leadership' for Y5. As part of this, Y5 will be learning how to plan, run and evaluate activities for younger pupils. In addition, some pupils will benefit from our 'Learning Through Sport' initiative—this focuses on developing specific skills such as cooperation, resilience, confidence, managing feelings etc. In addition all pupils and teachers will work together to develop core multi skills. These sessions will be led by Jason Boon (professional sports coach).

## Assembly theme: respect

This week we have started to explore respect: showing care for the thoughts, feelings, rights of others. We pooled ideas on how to show respect when eating food. The children had lots of great ideas: Beatrice-eat with your knife and fork; Poppy - eat with your mouth closed; Harun - if you don't like something say so nicely; Georgia - ask if you want something passed to you, don't reach over others; Daisy - say thank you and compliment the cook. We also talked about helping to tidy away after eating as a way of being respectful to the person who had given their time to cook the meal. Do talk with your children about it and see what they say.

## Dates for your diary

We have listed below some of the key dates for your diary.

### Term 2

#### October

Mon 30th - First day of Autumn Term 2 for pupils

#### November

Mon 6th - Value for learning and life: Honesty and truth  
Fri 10th - School photographs (School Hall - Individuals and families - 8.25am for pre-school children)  
Fri 17th - Class 2 Assembly (10.00am school hall - parents welcome)  
- Class 4 writing for next edition of Eastington News  
Mon 20th - Value for learning and life: Respect  
Wed 22nd - Life Education Bus: supporting positive physical & mental health and relationships  
Thurs 23rd - Life Education Bus: (Parent workshop 8.50-9.20am 20 max—Please book with Mrs Birch to attend)  
Fri 24th - Class 3 Assembly (10.00am school hall - parents welcome)  
Mon 27th - Football Tournament (1-4pm)

#### December

Mon 4th - Value for learning and life: Kindness  
Tues 5th - PA Wreath Making Evening—School Hall  
Thurs 7th - KS1 Christmas Nativity: 2pm/6pm  
Fri 8th - PA Christmas Bazaar (After school in the School Hall)  
Wed 13th - KS2 Christmas Performance 6.30pm  
Thurs 14th - KS2 Christmas Performance 1.45pm/6.30pm  
Fri 15th - Last day of Autumn Term 2 for pupils

**Term Break - Mond 18th December - Tues 2nd January (inclusive) .....**

#### January

Tues 2nd - INSET DAY (For staff)  
Wed 3rd - Start of Spring Term 3 for pupils  
Tues 9th - C4 Creative Dance day (parents welcome to the performance at 2.45pm)  
Tues 23rd - PA Bags2School collection  
Fri 26th - PA KS1 Popcorn Night, School Hall

#### February

Friday 2nd - PA KS2 Popcorn Night, School Hall



Thank you for your continued commitment and support. **Zoe Avastu**